STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 527

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Notification of Change of Circumstances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - -	*10th December 2003*
Coming into operation	*6th January 2004*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 5(1)(k), 105A(1A), (1B), (1D) and (1E), 106(1A) to (1D) and 165(1), (4) and (6) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**), and now vested in it(**2**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Notification of Change of Circumstances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 6th January 2004.

Amendment of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations

2. In regulation 32 of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**3**) (information to be given and changes to be notified) for paragraph (1B) there shall be substituted the following paragraph –

> "(1B) Except in the case of a jobseeker's allowance, every beneficiary and every person by whom, or on whose behalf, sums by way of benefit are receivable shall notify the Department of any change of circumstances which he might reasonably be expected to know might affect –
>
> (a) the continuance of entitlement to benefit; or
>
> (b) the payment of the benefit,

(**1**) 1992 c. 8; sections 105A was inserted by Article 12 of the Social Security Administration (Fraud) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/1182 (N.I. 11)); subsections (1A) to (1G) of section 105A were inserted and section 106(1A) to (1D) was substituted by section 15 of the Social Security Fraud Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 (c. 17) and section 165(1) was amended by paragraph 49(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/671)

(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481

(**3**) S.R. 1987 No. 465; regulation 32(1) to (1B) was substituted for regulation 32(1) by regulation 2 of S.R. 2003 No. 224